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Petersbourg, November 26.

THE Princess Elizabeth went Yesterday Morning about One o'Clock to the Barracks of the Preobrezenski Guards, accompanied only by one of her Chambellans, Mr. Voriantzoff; M. Lestock her Surgeon, and M. Swartz who is her Secretary, and putting herself at the Head of the 300 Grenadiers of that Regiment with their Bayonets fixed, and Granades in their Pockets, she marched directly to Court, where after having made the proper Dispositions, and possessed herself of the different Avenues, she seized the young Monarch and the little Princess his Sister in their Cradles, the Great Dutchess Regent and the Duke Generalissimo in their Beds, and sent them all, with Mademoiselle Julian Mengden, to her House. The Princess immediately after order'd the Field Marshal Munich, Count Osterman, Count Golofkin, young Count Munich Master of the Houshold to the Great Dutchess, and the President of the College of Commerce Mengden, with the Wives of the two last, to be seized in their Beds, and carried likewise to her own House, or those adjoining to it. The Prince Lewis is under Arrest in the Palace; the Grand Marshal Count Lowenwold, M. Lapokin, Count Golokin's Lady and his Sister the Countess Jagozinski are likewise confin'd to their Houses; as are also the Duke's two Adjutants, Haimbourg at Court, and Grammartin in his Lodgings. After all these Orders had been executed with the greatest Expedition, the Princess returned to her own House, whither almost every Body in Town immediately resorted, and before which the Regiment of Horse Guards and the three of Foot were drawn up, and she was unanimously declar'd Sovereign of Russia, and the Oath of Fidelity taken to her. About Two her Majesty took Possession of the Winter Palace, and the Cannon of the Cittadel and Admiralty were fired between Two and Three. Her Majesty had sent sometime before for Captain Diedron, a Swedish Officer who is Prisoner here, return'd him his Sword, and gave him 500 Ducats, with Orders to make all the Expedition he could with Letters to notify her Accession at Stockholm. Last Night Gentlemen of the Court were sent round to notify this Event to all the Foreign Ministers.

Petersburg, Nov. 28. The following Manifesto was published here this Day.

Elizabeth the First, by the Grace of God Empress of all the Russias, &c. &c. &c. To all those to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting.

WHereas in the Year 1727, on the 7th of May, the Emperor Peter II. was declared Successor to the Throne of the Russias after the Demise of our dearly beloved Mother the Empress Catherine Alexiewna, by virtue of the first Article of her Will, confirmed by the Oath of Fidelity of all our Subjects as well Ecclesiasticks as Secular, and as in the 8th Article of the said Will the Succession of the Empire was regulated in the Manner and Terms following,

"If it shall happen that the Great Duke "dies without Issue, the Princess Anne Pe- "trowna and her Descendants, and in De- "fault of them the Princess Elizabeth Pe- "trowna and her Descendants, and after all "these, the Great Dutchess shall succeed to "the Throne of the Russias, it being to be "understood that the Masculine Line shall be "always preferred to the Feminine, and that "all those who do not profess the Greek "Religion, or who already wear a foreign "Crown, shall be for ever excluded from "the Throne of this Empire.

We had, by virtue of this Article, an incontestable Right to ascend the Throne of our Ancestors, as soon as it pleased the Almighty to take from this World the Emperor Peter II. But by the evil Practices, Craft and Intrigues of Count Osterman, at that Time Great Master of the Houshold to his Imperial Majesty, the said Will of our most honoured Lady and Mother was suppressed after his Death, for in the Lifetime of his Majesty the Emperor Peter II. all the Affairs of State of such like Importance were in the Hands of Count Osterman, who well knowing that we were sufficiently informed of his Proceedings, to prejudicial to our Empire, caused, by his Artifices, her late Majesty the Empress Anne Iowanowna of happy Memory to be elected and declared, to our Exclusion (who, as is known to

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to all the World, were entituled to the Throne of the Ruſſias.)

During the Illneſs of her ſaid Majeſty in 1740, the ſaid Count Oſterman made the Regulation, printed and publiſhed the 6th of October of the ſame Year, concerning the Succeſſion after the Demiſe of her Majeſty, by which Regulation ſhe named for her Succeſſor an Infant of two Months old, John, Son of Prince Anthony Ulric and of the moſt Serene Princeſs Anne of Mecklenbourg, who could not, either by virtue of his Deſcent, nor by any other Right, pretend to the Imperial Crown of the Ruſſias, though the Title of Grand Duke was given him in the ſame Regulation.

Neither was the ſaid Count aſhamed to inſert in it, to our greater Prejudice and Mortification, in order to deprive us openly of our Right of Succeſſion, that after the Death of the ſaid Prince John, his Brother ſhould ſucceed him, and after him the other Princes born of the Marriage of Prince Anthony of Brunſwick Luneburg, and the Princeſs Anne of Mecklenbourg, who have themſelves no manner of Right to this Empire.

By virtue of this Regulation, which her late Majeſty did not ſign till the 5th of October, when ſhe was at the laſt Extremity, the Prince John was declared, on the 17th of October, (after the Death of the Empreſs) Emperor of all the Ruſſias, through the Procurement of Count Oſterman and the late Felt Marſhal Count Munich; and at that time our Guards, as well as our other Troops, were under the Command of the ſaid Count, and of the Prince Anthony Ulric of Brunſwick Luneburg, Father of Prince John, and all the military Force being in their Hands, all our faithful and well intentioned Subjects were in that extreme Oppreſſion obliged to take the Oath of Fidelity to Prince John as their Emperor.

At the ſame time they were obliged to take another Oath of Fidelity concerning the Regency during the Minority, which Regulation had been preſented by Count Oſterman alone to her Majeſty to be ſigned the 6th of October.

In conſequence of theſe two Regulations, Prince Anthony Ulric and his Conſort, flattering themſelves that they ſhould be able to preſerve for their Son the Imperial Crown of the Ruſſias, ſubſcribed themſelves the Oath of Fidelity. But ſoon after, aſſiſted by the Counts Oſterman, Munich, and Michael Galoſkin, they ſlighted their Oaths, and acted openly contrary to what had been regulated concerning the Regency of our Empire, which they took into their own Hands, under the Name of the Princeſs Anne of Mecklenbourg, who was not aſhamed to aſſume to herſelf the Title of Grand Dutcheſs of all the Ruſſias, which could in no wiſe belong to her. Thence came the great Diſorders which have happened in our Kingdom; thence the infinite Vexations and Oppreſſions of our faithful Subjects.

Nevertheleſs the ſaid Counts Oſterman and Galoſkin, in Concert with the Prince Anthony Ulric and his Conſort, yet farther to encreaſe the Load of Injuſtice, and to the evident Danger of our own Perſon, made a certain Regulation, by which we ſhould be entirely excluded from a Succeſſion which belongs to us by the Laws of all Nations, and by the Blood from which we are ſprung. 'Tis by this Regulation that they had pretended to ſettle on the Throne of the Ruſſias, the Princeſs Anne, in declaring her Empreſs, even in the Lifetime of her Son Prince John.

For theſe Reaſons, having taken to Heart the ſad Eſtate of our Empire under this Infant, who is but 14 Months old, and being moreover convinced by ſo many Misfortunes as our faithful Subjects have hitherto ſuffered, that they had nothing to expect, during the ſaid Regency, but Troubles and Diſorders of all Kinds, whether within, or without the Empire: Conſidering, laſtly, the imminent Danger to which our own Perſon was expoſed, We reſolved, with God's Aſſiſtance, at the moſt humble Requeſt of all our faithful Subjects, and particularly of our Guards, to aſcend our paternal Throne the 25th of this Month, (as it was publiſhed the ſame Day by a Manifeſto.) And although the Princeſs Anne, as well as her Son the Prince John, and her Daughter the Princeſs Catherine, cannot, as has been ſufficiently proved above, in any manner pretend to the Succeſſion to the Throne of the Ruſſias; nevertheleſs, in Conſideration of the Alliance, on the Mother's Side, between the Princeſs Anne, Prince Anthony Ulric, and the late Emperor Peter II.; and to give to the ſaid Prince and Princeſs a Mark of our Imperial Grace, we have given Orders to have them all conducted into their own Country with the Honours that are due to them, generouſly forgetting, on our Side, all the Steps that they have taken to our Prejudice.

Petersbourg, Dec. 1. Yeſterday the foreign Miniſters had the Honour to pay their Court, and make their Compliments to her Majeſty, who, as it was St. Andrew's Day, confirm'd thoſe Knights that had been made by the late Regent, by giving them the Collar of the Order, and created three new ones, the Generals Lewaſchaff, Czerneſoheff and M. Beſtuchef, which laſt Gentleman has been reſtored to his former Rank of actual Privy Counſellor. The Prince Anthony Ulric, the Princeſs Ann and their Children Prince John and the Princeſs Catherine, ſet out Yeſterday Morning at Four, with Maddmoiſelle Julia Mengden, under a ſtrong Eſcorte, and, it is ſaid, that they made a Halt at about 30 Verſts from hence, where they are to repoſe to Day, and then proceed on their Journey as faſt as this Eſcorte and 200 Horſes, which they muſt have at every Stage, will admit of. Prince Lewis is yet here, and, though with a Guard ſtill in his Houſe, he is at Liberty to go abroad, and with an Offer from her Majeſty of the Uſe of her Equipage, both which however he has declin'd, being out of Order.

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His Highneſs is yet uncertain what Day he is to ſet out. Count Lowenhaupt having canton'd a Body of 4000 Foot and 800 Dragoons towards Nyſlot in order to cover that Part of the Country from the Incurſion of the Coſſacks, theſe latter within theſe few Days have had a Skirmiſh with a Swediſh Party, in which they killed about Fifteen or Twenty, and took Captain Hopken Priſoner, who is dangerouſly wounded. The two Brothers, the Felt Marſhal and Senator Dolgoruki, arrived here two or three Days ago, the one from Slutzebourg and the other from Iwenogrod by Narva, where they had been confin'd ever ſince the Cataſtrophe of their Family at the beginning of the late Reign. Muskin Puskin, who was involved in Wolenski's late Affair, and had a Bit of his Tongue ſnipped off, is likewiſe ſent for. Her Majeſty has appointed three or four of thoſe who were Gentlemen of her Bed-Chamber when Princeſs, to be her Chambellans now, and ſhe has kept Mademoiſelle Lapikin, Daticheff and Aurora Mengden, who were all Ladies of the Court to the Great Dutcheſs, in the ſame Quality about herſelf. There was a Ball laſt Night at Court on Account of St. Andrew's Day, of which the Foreign Miniſters, by ſome Miſtake, were not apprized. But as ſoon as ever her Majeſty came into the Ball and ſaw that none of them were there, ſhe gave Orders that they ſhould be immediately ſent for, upon which they all repair'd to Court.

Vienna, Dec. 16, *N. S.* By the laſt Letters from the Army of the 13th Inſtant, the Head Quarters was at Wittingau. A conſiderable Body of the Enemies wanted to paſs the River Moldau in the Neighbourhood of Budeweis, in order to enter into Upper Auſtria, to oppoſe the Operation of Count Khevenhuller's Army, but the Diligence made by the Great Duke has hitherto prevented their Deſign. The Troops which they had diſperſed in Upper Auſtria, have all retired behind the Fortification made at Ens and Lintz, and they have ſent all their Artillery to Paſſau. The Queen has given to Prince Hildburghauſen the eventual Command of her Troops in Italy. The Bavarians having been ſome Time at Work upon a Bridge over the Ens, in order to return into Lower Auſtria, and to raiſe Contributions, were ſo diſturbed by the Huſſars under the Command of Lieutenant Colonel Mentrel, that they reſolved on the 8th Inſtant to diſlodge them from the Neighbourhood of the Town of that Name, and accordingly attacked them on the 8th Inſtant with two Companies of Grenadiers and four Hundred Foot. After a ſharp Skirmiſh the Huſſars to the Number of 200 only, not being able to ſtand the Fire of the Cannon of the Enemy, retired to Nemps, though with the Loſs of one Man only, whereas the Enemy had 30 wounded and 12 killed, Count Cleſmont de Tonnere was of the Number of the latter.

Hague, Jan. 2, *N. S.* By Letters from Madrid we are informed, that the French Squadron from Toulon had been driven into Cartagena in a very ſhatter'd Condition, having met with a moſt violent Storm, during which the Lightning had ſet Fire to the Maſts and Rigging of a 70 Gun Ship, which they were obliged to cut away and throw over board, and that the ſame Accident had befallen ſome other Ships of the ſame Squadron. And it is likewiſe written from thence, that the Spaniſh Squadron from Cadiz which had enter'd the Streights on the 4th of the laſt Month, had been driven back into the Ocean by contrary Winds.

Whitehall, December 26.

Letters from Lisbon of the 5th Inſtant give an Account of the Arrival there of his Majeſty's Ships the Bedford, Elizabeth, and Eſſex, with ſeveral Tranſports and Store Ships for Gibraltar, and that they were preparing, together with the Rocheſter, to ſail as ſoon as poſſible, in order to join Rear Admiral Haddock. There is likewiſe Advice, that his Majeſty's Ship the Marlborough, which had been ſeparated from the reſt, is ſafely arrived at Gibraltar.

Whitehall, December 26.

On Tueſday laſt in the Evening about Six o'Clock, M. du Roſey, Gentleman of the Chamber to the King of Sweden as Landgrave of Heſſe, arrived here Expreſs from Heſſe Caſſel, with an Account, that on the 25th Inſtant, N. S. at half an Hour after Eleven at Night, her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs of Heſſe was happily delivered of a Prince. And on Wedneſday laſt the ſaid Gentleman had an Audience of his Majeſty to notify the ſame.

St. James's, December 23.

This Day M. Waſenberg, Secretary from the King of Sweden, had a private Audience of his Majeſty, to notify the Death of the late Queen of Sweden; to which he was conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Maſter of the Ceremonies

M. Waſner, Miniſter Plenipotentiary from the Queen of Hungary, had a private Audience of his Majeſty; to which he was conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Maſter of the Ceremonies.

Dec. 24. Prince Sherbatow had a private Audience of his Majeſty, to notify the Acceſſion of the Czarina Elizabeth; to which he was conducted by Sir Clement Cottrell, Kt. Maſter of the Ceremonies.

Dec 25. M. Waſenbourg had a private Audience of his Royal Highneſs the Duke.

And afterwards a private Audience of their Royal Highneſſes the Princeſſes Amelia, Caroline, and Louiſa.

To both which Audiences he was introduc'd by Charles Cottrell, Eſq; Aſſiſtant Maſter of the Ceremonies.

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